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REMOVING PERMANGANATE  
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METHANOL CARBONYLATION  
PROCESS

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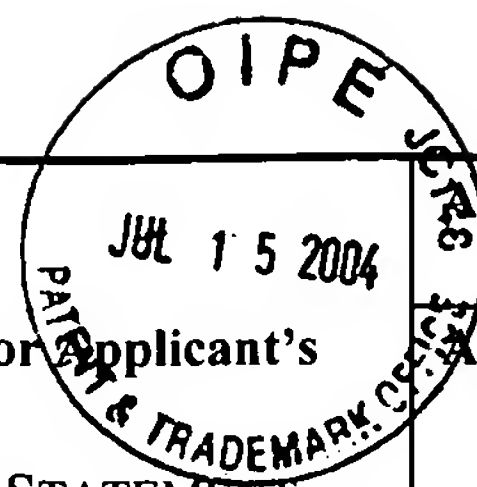
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## Foreign Patent Documents

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	B1	EP 0 161 874	21 Nov. 1995	EPO	C07C	53/08	YES
	B2	EP 0 487 284	27 May 1992	EPO	C07C	53/08	YES
	B3	EP 0 687 662	20 Dec. 1995	EPO	C07C	53/08	YES
	B4	JP 9-40590	10 Feb. 1997	Japan	C07C	19/07	Yes

## Other Art (Including Author, Title, Date Pertinent Pages, Etc.)

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	C1	Derrick J. Watson, <i>The Cativa Process for the Production of Acetic Acid</i> , in CATALYSIS OF ORGANIC REACTIONS, vol. 75, pp. 369-380 (1998)
	C2	R.T. Eby & T.C. Singleton, <i>Methanol Carbonylation to Acetic Acid</i> , in APPLIED INDUSTRIAL CATALYSIS, vol. 1, pp. 275-296 (1983).

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